Dr. S. John (*Surgeon-General*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The complaint was that the Medical Officer of Chetticaud was not attending the dispensary in the afternoons.

(*c*) An enquiry was conducted and the Medical Officer was suitably dealt with.

Evening Dispensary at Kottankulangara or Punnamada.

128. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the people of South Ariad requesting to start an evening dispensary at Kottankulangara or Punnamada ;

(*b*) whether the people had undertaken to provide a building and furniture free of rent for the purpose ; and

(*c*) what action has been taken on the representation ?

Dr. S. John : (*a*) There was a representation from the public for the opening of a full time dispensary at Ariad South or for shifting the Mullakkal Dispensary to a convenient building at Thattampalli or Punnamada ;

(*b*) The petition of the public does not say anything about a building being furnished free of rent for the purpose.

(*c*) On inspection it is seen that South Ariad is only three miles from Mullakkal and there is a good road connecting the two places. As it is felt that a dispensary at Muhamma will be more useful to the public the question of opening a part time dispensary at Muhamma is under the consideration of Government.

Plague trouble in the State.

129. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is actual plague trouble in the State :

(*b*) if so, where; and

(*c*) whether any instance of plague was detected in Alleppey for the past 6 months ?

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai (*Director of Public Health*) : (*a*) There is no human case of plague in the State at present. Plague is however prevalent among rats in Alleppey as a result of which rat-falls occur in the town.

(*b*) *vide* answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) Yes, besides plague among rats one human case of plague also was detected.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centre.

130. ***Mr. P. Gopalan** (*Vaikom, Kottayam and Changanacherry cum Peermade*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

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